



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** The month of April is recognized throughout the United States of America as Fair Housing Month. This year marks the 55th Anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act, which provides equal opportunity for all Americans in the sale, rental, and financing of housing; and
- WHEREAS:** Illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and
- WHEREAS:** Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, set forth a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, nationality, religion, gender, familial status, or disability; and
- WHEREAS:** The Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission is charged with enforcing the local fair housing ordinance; and
- WHEREAS:** The Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission promotes the belief that equal housing is an important component of our diverse community; and
- WHEREAS:** Ongoing education, outreach, and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights, and responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Winston-Salem fully supports the intents and purposes of the Federal Fair Housing Act, and in 1982, adopted the Fair Housing Ordinance and its revision in 1990 to include the two new protected classes of handicapped and families with children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of April, 2023.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor